

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

**LARGER NUMBER OF MATTERS CONSIDERED AND ACTED ON BY CITY FATHERS.**

**Shrine Club Would Bring in Carnival**—Miss Douglas wants additional lights and closed streets for flashlight shows. Numerous matters concerning street pavement and finances of City brought up.

City Council held a regular session last night from 6.30 to 10.30 o'clock with all of the members present. The meeting was longer than usual and a large number of matters of varying importance were considered and several of them acted on. The most important matters to receive attention were the city finances and plans for extending the paving work, which is now in progress, in order to pave further streets and sidewalks.

The City Clerk presented his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, copies of which had been previously mailed out to the members of council. Action of council on the report was deferred until some later meeting.

Mayor D. D. Moore, E. S. Booth and Geo. G. Tweed, representing the Shrine Club, appeared before council to request that a carnival be allowed to come into Sumter under the auspices of the Shrine Club for the week beginning November 13, provided to waive the payment of license to the city, allowing the Shrine Club to make terms with the company in order that they would derive the benefits of the carnival's showing in Sumter. At the same time council received a request from the Civic League asking that it do not allow carnivals or other such shows to come into Sumter and asking that it do all in its power to discourage their coming. Council discussed the matter and decided to allow the Shrine Club to bring the carnival here, provided that the city was paid a license of one hundred dollars, the Shrine Club to make such terms with the company as it desired, and a committee of the Shrine Club visit the show before it came to Sumter and guarantee that there were no objectionable shows or features attached to the carnival.

Minutes of the meetings of August 22, 29 and September 15 and 20 were read and approved.

An application was received from the City Engineer that the city provide

for a bridge to Canal between the houses of 7 and 8 o'clock to vehicles while the automobile demonstration and fashion parade was in progress. Council agreed to allow the street to be closed, as requested, and decided to replace any of the arch lights which might have been burnt out, but stated that it had no means of providing any other additional lights.

A resolution was passed instructing the city clerk to execute the city's note for \$25,000 to renew a note which was coming due, the new note being for three months time.

The police report for the month ending August 31st was received and showed 76 arrests; dismissed, 19; transferred, 2; suspended, 2; fines \$399.73; days, 323; total \$464.33.

The library report for August showed 554 members, nineteen of them having joined during August; 420 books loaned out during August, making a total of 7,756 books loaned since June 1, 1915.

A request was received from Morris College, which is outside of the city limits, that a water main be extended to their building. The matter was referred to Councilman Rowland to investigate and report back to council.

C. A. Lawson, N. J. Frederick and C. W. Maxwell appeared before council to request that Council street be paved by the city. They stated that if the city would not pave Council street, that at least concrete sidewalks be laid on the street. Council stated that they would consider the request in extending the paving to other streets of the city, under the provisions of the statute providing for paving.

The City Clerk reported receipt of an application from J. A. Middleton for the position of supervisor of streets and same was ordered filed.

A petition from residents of Oakland Avenue asking that Oakland Avenue be paved between Blanding and Sumter streets was received and filed.

A petition was also received from residents of Bartlette street asking that that street be paved from Sumter to Washington with brick and that sidewalks be laid between Sumter and Council streets.

A letter from the Baraca Class of the First Baptist church thanking council for its considerate hearing in the near-beer case and its attendant action in ousting the near-beer business was read.

A complaint was filed from the Carolina Machinery Company asking damages which were done to a Ford

car by running in an open drain. Action was deferred until Mr. L. E. White, supervisor of streets, could report the circumstances of the accident and damages.

An application from S. L. Brunson requesting exemption from street taxes in view of the fact that he had been a member of the Sumter Light Infantry until disqualified from going to the border on his physical examination was received and acted on favorably.

The City Clerk reported that he had received answers to inquiries as to street sweeping machines. He was instructed to secure further information on the subject of costs of such apparatus.

It was stated by a member of council that there was a defect in the construction of the curb on Kendrick street and the engineer was directed to have the contractors remedy the defect.

At the suggestion of Maj. Lee it was decided to have poles of the Sumter Telephone Company and of the Sumter Lighting Company and of the Sumter Telephone Company of a uniform size and height and require them to paint the poles. The clerk was directed to write to the two concerns advising them of this action and inform them that in future all new poles must be submitted to the city authorities, who would pass on them before the erection would be allowed.

The city finances received a due share of attention. Means of securing funds for meeting the city's present expenses and of obtaining additional resources and income to reduce the city's indebtedness were discussed, as was the statutory limit of bonded indebtedness with a view of paving more streets and sidewalks under the abutting property plan. It was estimated that \$60,000 would be available for this purpose on the assessed valuation of property this year. At the same time that the assessed valuation was increasing. The city's expenses were also increasing, it was brought out in the discussion.

The council decided to place sidewalks on the school green, as previously suggested, the estimated cost being \$400. Councilman Rowland opposed this work, as the city did not own the property and he considered it as unnecessary expenditure in view of the city's present financial condition.

The clerk was directed to write to Col. Thomas Wilson asking him to use his influence to have the proposed paving of the A. C. L. railroad yard be of brick to conform to the paving

of the bridge with the A. C. L. to have between the railroad tracks on Manning avenue paved with brick, so as to connect the paving at this point and provide a better crossing.

The request of the Sumter Roller Mills for exemption from taxes and license for five years was taken up, but action was deferred until Council could look more thoroughly into the matter, the clerk being instructed to have the ordinance referring to this matter at the next meeting of council.

Maj. Lee suggested the adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the planting of trees on the streets whose roots would be injurious to the street paving or to drainage and sewer pipes. He stated that there were certain kinds of trees whose roots penetrated the paving and pipes and damaged them. It was stated that council already had authority to prevent the planting of any obnoxious trees or to remove such trees, if it was deemed best. Maj. Lee was accordingly instructed to prepare a list of the trees which in his opinion should not be planted and to locate such trees now growing on the various streets of the city, with the idea of removing them.

Following out the suggestion of Mayor Jennings at the last meeting of council, a jury list was prepared for use during the ensuing year, as provided under a statute passed at the last session of the legislature.

The City Clerk reported that the collections for water rents were being gotten in shape for the next quarter which began on October 1. He stated that the rule providing for the cut off of connections, where the water bills were in arrears would be strictly enforced.

The City Clerk was instructed to write to the A. C. L. authorities asking them if arrangements could not be made with them so that the city could get water from their Green Swamp pumping station to supply the needs at the septic tanks, where the cans of sewage were emptied.

\$150 low and \$1050 high and all between, buy as fine a one as you like and Till will save you more than \$100 on any kind of piano.—Advt.

Rome, Sept. 28.—An Athens dispatch to the Tribuna says Greece has decided to enter the war on the side of the Allies.

**W. C. T. U. PROGRAM.**

**STATE CONVENTION TO OPEN IN SUMTER ON THURSDAY, SEP. 28TH.**

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of South Carolina meets in Sumter on Thursday, September 28th for a three-day session at its annual State convention, the first meeting to be held at Trinity Methodist Church at 8 p. m. The feature of the meeting is the attendance of Miss Anna A. Gordon, president of the National Union of W. C. T. U. and secretary of the world W. C. T. Union.

An interesting program has been prepared and is as follows: **Welcome Night, Thursday Night, 8.** Music by convention choir. Gloria—Motzart.

Hymn—All Hail the Power. Devotional services led by Rev. R. S. Truesdale, D. D., pastor of Trinity Methodist Church. Music—Duet—Wear the White Ribbon—Mrs. McCarthy and Miss Rose.

Words of Welcome—Rev. R. S. Truesdale, D. D., from Trinity church, Rev. J. B. Walker, rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter, from city churches; Miss Lela Miller; from city missionary societies; Prof. S. H. Edmunds, Supt. of city schools, from Board of Education; Mayor L. D. Jennings from the city; Mrs. John Sumter, from the various women's clubs; Dr. Sophie Brunson, from Sumter W. C. T. U.

Response—Mrs. Mamie Tillman of Edgefield. Music—Olethe. Annual address by State President, Mrs. Jessie Sprout of Manning. Music—Stand up for Prohibition. Collection. Announcements. Benediction.

**Friday 9 O'clock.** Executive committee meeting. 10 A. M.—Opening business session. Noonday devotion. Adjournment. **Afternoon Session, 2.30.** Children's hour, 4 o'clock p. m.

**Friday Night, 8 o'clock.** Music by convention choir. Come Ye Loyal Workers. Hymn—How Firm a Foundation. Solo—Miss Kellor. Devotional services—Rev. John A. Brunson, D. D., pastor of Grace Baptist Church.

Demonstration—Uncle Sam and His Helpers Cleaning up the States. Chorus—We'll Make the Map All White.

National W. C. T. U. President. Vocal Solo—Will it Pay—Miss Pauline Haynsworth. Collection. Announcements. Benediction.

**Saturday Morning, 9 O'clock.** Executive committee meetings. 10 A. M.—White ribbon recruits, a baby service. Noonday devotional exercises. Memorial exercises. Paper on Mrs. Chaffin, by Mrs. Chritzberg, of Columbia.

Solo—One Sweetly Solemn Thought—Mrs. Truesdale. Adjournment.

**Saturday Afternoon.** 2.30 P. M.—Business session. At close of business, adjournment. Reception.

**Saturday Night, 8 O'clock.** Music—Violin Solo—Miss Gladys Turner. Hymn—My Country 'Tis of Thee. Devotional service led by Rev. J. H. Wilson, D. D., pastor of St. James' Lutheran Church.

Gold medal contest by class in oratory. Silver medal contest by class in vocal music. Demonstration, The Mission of the Flowers. Delivery of medals and other prizes. Collection. Announcements. Benediction.

**Sunday Morning, 11.30.** Music—Anthem—Peace be Within Thy Walls and Prosperity Within thy Palace. Hymn—Come Thou Fount. Devotional service. Crusade Hymn.

Annual sermon before the convention—Rev. R. S. Truesdale, D. D. Solo—God Ruleth All—Miss Marie Rotholz. Hymn—Stand up for Jesus. Benediction.

**Sunday Afternoon, 3.30.** Good Citizens' Meeting Opera House, Mr. H. L. Birchard, Secretary of Y. M. C. A., presiding. Music, Chorus—Out For Prohibition.

Devotional service—Rev. W. J. McKay, D. D., Presbyterian church. Music, Violin Solo—Master William Truesdale. Short Talks—Judge R. O. Purdy and Mr. J. K. Breeden, Supt. of Anti-Saloon League of South Carolina. Collection.

The Prohibition Tide Rolls In—Mr. Lem King. Address—Hon. Thomas McLeod, of Bishopville. Music—Some Glad Day—Mr. H. L. Scarborough. Benediction.

Sunday Afternoon, 5 O'clock.

Mass meeting of colored people in Lincoln school auditorium. A local program has been arranged on the subject of temperance and law enforcement. In addition to the many numbers planned by the colored committees, Mr. J. K. Breeden will address them.

**Sunday Night, 8 o'clock.** Music by convention choir. Anthem—Calvary. Hymn—Onward Christian Soldiers. Devotional Service by Rev. J. M. Rogers, pastor of Broad Street Methodist Church.

Music—'Drifting'—Male Quartette. Resolutions. Duet—We'll Vote for Prohibition—Miss Ellen Hurst and Mrs. W. B. Lynam. Address—Miss Anna Gordon. Collection. God be With You 'Till We Meet Again. Adjournment of convention. Benediction.

You know and I know and everybody knows who know Till, knows he sells 'em for less.—Advt.

**OATS FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS.**

One thousand bushels of the 3,00 bushels of winter oats appropriated by congress for distribution among the flood sufferers of South Carolina have arrived in Columbia and two more car loads are en route. The variety is the Texas red rust proof. W. W. Long, director of the extension department of Clemson college has designated F. G. Tarbox as distributor. Nineteen counties will participate in the distribution of the oats. They are: Georgetown, Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Sumter, Lee, Darlington, Dillon, Horry, Marion, Marlboro, Chester, Chesterfield, York, Richland, Lexington, Williamsburg, Kernaw and Lancaster. Each county will receive approximately 165 bushels. The oats will not be distributed indiscriminately, but only to those in needy circumstances. Mr. Tarbox will cooperate with C. H. Jones and Pierre Mayock of the flood relief committee in the distribution of the seed. Owing to the lack of funds there is a temporary delay in the distribution. The committee has asked the railroads to distribute the seeds free of charge. If this request be not complied with permission will be sought of the government to allow the oats to be sent on government bills of lading.

Prices of pianos—Till, either will catch him.—Advt.

**'REFORM' CONVENTION CALLED.**

Columbia, Oct. 27.—Members of the 'Reform faction' in South Carolina have been called to attend a convention in Columbia, October 18. John K. Aull, Columbia correspondent, yesterday sent to the Charleston American the following dispatch, copies of which he furnished to other newspapers:

Columbia, Sept. 26.—After consultation with prominent members of the Reform faction in Columbia today, Col. W. A. James of Bishopville, one of the leaders of the Reform party in Lee county, today issued the following call for a convention of the Reform faction to be held in Columbia on Thursday, October 18:

"I hereby call for a convention of the Reform faction of the Democratic party, to be held on Tuesday, October 18, in Columbia. During the campaign just passed, appeals were made to 'save civilization' as was done in 1876, when negro domination was the issue. Men have been heard to justify questionable methods at the ballot box upon the same grounds as when dealing with negroes in 1876, and now it is up to us, and is our duty, to hold a great convention and demonstrate that we are as good white men as are those who contemptuously stigmatize the bone and sinew of this State as 'Blasemies,' and for the further purpose of increasing our faith in and consecrating our efforts to the continuance of the struggle for the principles upon which we stand. "I suggest that each Democratic club send one true and tried Reformer as delegate to this convention. "All newspapers who have any of the kind of people as subscribers, please publish one time. (Signed) "W. A. James."

Pay \$300 for a \$150 piano and see if Till cares. You will be cheating your pocketbook, that's all.—Advt.

London, Sept. 28.—A lull prevails over the British front in France after two days' battles, which gained five villages and five thousand prisoners.

Till's office is in the Wreck Store, and he has a sample piano there for \$180, on time.—Advt.

You know you promised her to get her a piano this fall. Yes, times may be hard, but you can fulfill your promise for \$180 on time. Now, be honest and write or phone Till to come and see you.—Advt.

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